

JEAN ELIOT'S CHRONICLES OF CAPITAL SOCIETY DOINGS

Jean Eliot's Gossip About Society Here

DEAR SUSAN:

Not since 1776, our first Day of Liberty, has the Glorious Fourth been celebrated as it was this year. Thursday will be a memorable day in history. It seemed to be not only significant as America's pronounced day of independence, but as an expression of all the allied nations—in their desire and hope for universal freedom. Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, China, Japan, Greece, Portugal, and many others, as you know, participated in the great celebration by leading their representatives here in Washington to the immense pageant which was held in the Mall by the Monument, and the parade which followed. And isn't it wonderful to know that on that day not only our country but France, England, and all the countries where our soldiers are, were one and all observing the same Glorious Day?

Everywhere throughout France, in every village and town, patriotic celebrations were held and tribute paid to Lafayette and Rochambeau. I second the motion to the suggestion that we do something by way of celebrating July 14, which is the Independence day of the French. Don't you think so, Susan? And just to think that in London the bell of St. Paul's was rung as on the great British holidays, and that perhaps a statue of our own George Washington will be placed in London near the houses of Parliament. A very strong assurance is this, Susan, of the friendly feeling now existing between England and America, that they should help us to celebrate our day of liberty from their rule; but, come to think of it—and it is a comforting thought—twas really freedom from the rule of a German king, for if I have my history right George III was of German descent, as his father, George II, could speak but little English and George I spoke no English at all—but that's not telling you about the pageant, which I started out to do, is it? And besides, no one asked me to elaborate on English history, but these days happenings of any interest are so fraught with patriotism that one finds it hard to escape such subjects. Social affairs and patriotism are almost one and the same. So, Susan, just as the allied nations joined hands in observing our country's birthday anniversary, so did their representatives here in the Capital City do the same, for Washington has the advantage of other cities in having the material at hand for an international holiday.

Many Pageants and Great Parades

The pageant, which took the form of about twenty-six separate and distinct smaller pageants, scattered all over, in different parts of the Mall, in which just as many nations were represented and to which they contributed folk song and dances in national costumes, and in most cases staged episodes from their history, was wonderfully interesting, and the great parade which marched down the avenue to the Capitol and there presented "Democracy Triumphant," and the group of foreign-born Americans representing thirty odd nationalities which had participated with the President in the exercises at Mount Vernon, was both picturesque and thrilling. But "Democracy Triumphant," which must have been the most elaborate production of all, I missed, much to my regret, because by that time, 'twas high on to nine-thirty, the crowd was so immense that I decided to wend my way home, ward, for, having looked with all my eyes all afternoon, and having chased from one end of the Mall to the other in search of every band that was heard, for, wherever there was music, one knew that there would be the next performance—it took just about all the energy one could muster. It must have been a most impressive performance, for a number of our well-known professional and amateur actors took part.

Mrs. Florence L. Newbold represented "Justice," was characterized by Mrs. Maud Howell Smith, and Mrs. Glenna Smith Timin represented a number of her most tal-



LIEUT. COL. JAMES L. WALSH AND HIS BRIDE, FORMERLY MISS MAZIE PORCHER, AND THEIR WEDDING ATTENDANTS. THEIR MARRIAGE WAS THE EVENT OF LAST WEEK.

ented pupils in some rhythmic dancing, and many others who are always seen in artistic things were there.

The President Spoke At Mount Vernon

It was at Mount Vernon that democracy was really triumphant. It was the first time that any such celebration had been held there. And when it was announced that the President would head a pilgrimage of foreign-born, naturalized Americans representing as many different nationalities as could be gathered together, to the tomb of Washington, and there make a great Fourth of July address which would take the public into his confidence as to Uncle Sam's plans for the solution of the pressing international problems, it was realized that there would be the day's real observance. It was, of course, understood that only comparatively few—the official party—

the pilgrims and members of the diplomatic corps, would go down the river in the Mayflower as the President's guests. But it was supposed that there would be a considerable space roped in for which tickets would be issued to the elect. The hol-pollo might mass itself outside the ropes, and see and hear as best it could.

There was consternation in camp, when on Tuesday word came from the White House—from the President himself, according to report—that they needn't bother; there would be no one admitted to it but the official party. Later this was modified. They would admit three newspaper men, representatives of the press associations. Those who were emphatically not of the official party, but had the comfortable assurance that they were of the elect—certainly many of them were of the elect—were perturbed. Must they take their chances with the hol-pollo? Indignation and pain were expressed all in vain. They must. When it came to hearing what the President had to say, or to enjoying such an aesthetic treat as hearing John McCormack sing "The Star-Spangled Banner," under the trees that shadow Washington's tomb, they could get down to Mr. Vernon any way they could—trolley, motor, or the good old Macalester—and if they wanted good places, they'd better come early and hold them down. There was Democracy triumphant, indeed—or as one disgruntled woman who is accustomed to certain official privileges put it—"Democracy rampant."

While the President headed down to Mt. Vernon for his contribution to the celebration of our national birthday, his daughter, Miss Margaret Wilson, went in the opposite direction, to the Soldiers' Home, where she lent her voice to the exercises arranged there. She had with her Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Rouland—Mr. Rouland being the New York artist who is painting her portrait, and is a wife, by the way, have been giving considerable time and thought to the collection and dispatch of musical instruments for men in the service—our soldiers and sailors both over here and over there.

Roumanian Benefit Next Social Event

Washington continues to be flooded with people, though quite a number

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of families have betaken themselves to the mountains or the seashore for the summer. However, they are not so far that they can't return for the week-ends or for special occasions. So far the weather has been so delightfully cool and pleasant that many are not leaving at all. Of course, the war is responsible for keeping so many of us home. The women interested in war work are unwilling to absent themselves from their various activities, so quite a few of our matrons have established their families at various resorts where they have cottages for the summer and returned to Washington, where they will continue to stay throughout the summer.

So now, with July well on its way, a month which usually finds Washington deserted socially, a number of functions are planned for the month—when a few functions, I mean benefits of various kinds, for, as I have said before, they are the only kind of affairs that are fashionable now. The one, which is nearest at hand and which interests me greatly, Susan, is the Roumanian benefit to be given this Tuesday afternoon. A few months ago, just when we were beginning to feel that we Washingtonians had failed to come to the aid of the noble Italians, why just then the Italian relief committee was formed and various big benefits were given for them, including the very wonderful concert at Poli's Theater when Caruso, Frances Alda, and Giuseppe de Luca came down, especially from New York to sing. So this time I feel confident that Washington shall not be remiss in coming to the rescue of Roumanian war sufferers.

Roumanian Children Show Heroism

Of course we all know how sorely in need of aid Roumanian children are. When this brave little nation, after resisting the enemy for so long, at last, surrounded and hemmed in by overwhelming numbers, had to give up the fight, the sacrifices that they made surpass any inspiring known in this war.

Their story is both pathetic and inspiring. Many of the children refused to give themselves up to the enemy, retreating with their school-masters into that section of the country not invaded. There they did farm work during the day in order to feed the army. The Boy and Girl Scouts of Roumania served their country valiantly. They were heroes, and it was given to some to experience what Alan Seegar has called "That rare privilege of dying well." Now all who remain are in immediate need. No greater help, nor more vital service can be rendered by any one. Recognizing this, a group of Americans has been organized into the "American Committee for the Relief of Roumanian War Orphans." His royal highness, Prince Carol, crown prince of Roumania, is the honorary president, and Miss Margaret Wilson is the patroness for America. Mrs. Theodore V. Boynton is chairman; Princess Ghika and Mrs. John Allan Dougherty are the honorary secretaries, and the members include the most distinguished people of Washington, New York, Chicago, and many other towns.

They have already done noble work, and American women are responding wonderfully. Already they have adopted over fifty orphans.

Concert To Be Given At the Belasco

This concert, which is to be given on Tuesday at the Belasco, promises to be one of the events of the season, and I suspect the house could be sold out twice over. A number of boxes have been taken already. Mrs. Wilson having sent her acceptance and Mrs. Theodore V. Boynton will be among those having box parties.

The most notable attraction of the evening will be Mme. Marguerite Sylva, who will lend her beautiful voice for the occasion. Mme. Sylva needs no introduction to the artistic and diplomatic circles of Washington, being an international prima donna and having visited here on previous occasions. She will arrive tomorrow

with her accompanist, Miss Corinne Wallerstein, and will be the guest of Mrs. Boynton while here. A number of affairs have been planned for her, among them a dinner at the Shoreham the night of the concert, to be given by Maj. Livius Telesanu, that most distinguished and handsome young Roumanian officer who has attracted so much attention in Washington since his arrival here last fall. He is a splendid example of a true Roumanian hero, having lost his arm in battle and being covered with medals, including the Croix de Guerre.

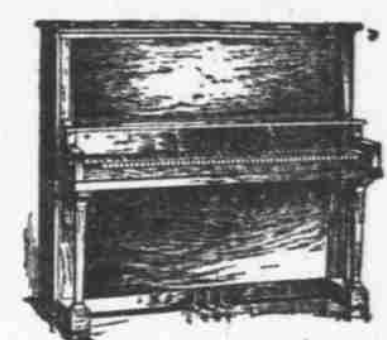
But to return to Madame Sylva: She was born a Belgian, but three years ago, while singing at the Paris Opera and the Opera Comique in Paris she met Capt. Benard L. Smith, then an attaché to the American embassy in Paris, and married him. She retired from professional activities for two years, and came to America, during which time her children were born. The latest, a prospective prima donna, was born in Washington last November.

Captain Smith, Madame Sylva's husband, is at present in France on a special assignment for the Navy Department, and when the Sussex,

which, if I remember right, was an American "tanker" and was one of the first American vessels to be sunk, was destroyed, it was Captain Smith who made the examination and discovered that it was torpedoed by the Germans, they having denied responsibility for its loss. Madame Sylva during his absence in France and following her operatic engagements in New York last year with the Chicago grand opera company, is engaged in making her first appearance on the screen in this country. A form of acting, which has recently been adopted by many other

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